

May 1

Mark 1:14,15

**“Kingdom of GOD
vs. Kingdom of
HEAVEN”**

**14 Now after that
John was put in
prison, Jesus
came into Galilee,
preaching the
gospel of the
kingdom of God,**

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Let's think about this passage for a moment.

If the Kingdom of **God** were “at hand” when these words were

spoken by Jesus,
then is there still a
need for humans,
after that time, to
wait for the
kingdom of God?

What does the
kingdom of God
actually mean and
how is it 'at hand'?

Also, is the
kingdom of
heaven the same

as the kingdom
of **God**?

A parallel passage,
Matthew 4:17,
uses
“kingdom of **God**”
and “kingdom
of heaven”
interchangeably.

If “the kingdom
of God” means

the bodily
manifestation
of God (or
personification),
namely the
prophesied and
long-awaited
Christ, then
Jesus may have
been saying, in
essence, “The one
you have been
waiting for is here.

I am here. Now
this is what you
need to do. Repent
and believe the
gospel”.

He may have been
saying: I am the
very embodiment
of the godliness,
holiness, mercy,
judgment, and
truth, for which

you have been
waiting. So, repent
and believe the
gospel message.

The 1526 Tyndale
says:

After that John
was taken/ Jesus
came into Galilee/
preaching the
gospel of the
kingdom of God/

and saying/ the
gospel is full
come/ and the
kingdom of God is
full at hand/
repent and believe
the gospel.

AKJV:

The **time** is
fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God
is at hand...

Tyndale:
The **gospel** is full
come and the
kingdom of God
is full at hand...

This is a passage
for those who
want to deeply
ponder the
kingdom of God
versus the

kingdom
of Heaven.